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## MEXICAN NATIONAL INDICTED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY, FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A FIREARM

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

**Hober Galvan-Gomez**, 26, a Mexican national, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Galvan-Gomez** conspired to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Feb. 1, 2005, and Feb. 11, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Galvan-Gomez** was an illegal alien in possession of a firearm on Feb. 10, 2005. The federal indictment alleges that **Galvan-Gomez** was in possession of a Bryco .380-caliber automatic handgun.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Galvan-Gomez** was in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. The federal indictment alleges that **Galvan-Gomez** possessed the Bryco .380-caliber automatic handgun during the conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Clay County Drug Task Force, the Clay County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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